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Remarks:

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-6, 9-23, 25-38, 40-56 and 58-63 are presently pending in the application. Claims 1, 22, 23, 31, 55 and 56 have been amended. Claims 7, 8, 24, 39, 57, 64 and 65 were previously canceled.

First the functional language of the control device has been rewritten for better comprehension throughout the claims. When a transceiver receives the communication information it determines if the communication information has been received error free and if it is the intended transceiver. If the communication information is error free and it is not the intended transceiver, the transceiver will forward the data on if the bus is free. If an error is found or the bus is busy, the communication information is not transmitted.

In items 3-7 on pages 2-3 of the Office Action, claims 1, 22, 31 and 55 have been rejected for failing to comply with the enablement requirement under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph. More specifically the Examiner states that the steps of "checking for an error ..." is not disclosed. The Examiner is directed to the specification of the instant application from page 18, line 16 to page 19, line 5, where it is described. More specifically this paragraph reads in part:

Similarly, during the transmission of a message, the control unit 13 is used for checking whether this message is correct. If an error is found during this process, the message stored in memory 14 is read out, after a certain period of time has elapsed, and is retransmitted (emphasis added).

Please note the words "checking" and "found" are indeed described in the specification.

In items 9-14 on pages 3-4 of the above-identified Office Action, claims 1-6, 9-23, 25-38, 40-56 and 58-63 have been rejected as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

In item 11, the Examiner states that there is no antecedent basis for the limitation of "the communication information" recited in claim 1, lines 13-14 page 4 and lines 6, 11, 15 on page 15. The Examiner is directed to page 2, line 5 (fifth line in claim 1) that recites "communication information" and therefore provides proper antecedent basis. Further it is noted that the "communication information" includes the first ones of the communication information and the second ones of the communication information and therefore the communication information may refer to both or either of the first and second communication information.

In item 12, the Examiner states that there is no antecedent basis for the recitation of "communication information" in claim 9. The Examiner is directed to lines 5-6 of claim 9 which recites "communication information" and therefore provides proper antecedent basis. As noted above, the communication information includes both the first and second ones of the communication information.

In item 13, the Examiner states that the use of the terms "retransmitting" and "forwarding" is confusing. The term forwarding has been deleted throughout the claim language.

In item 14, the Examiner states that when describing the functions of the control device, it is necessary to specify which of the four transceiver is involved. The function described by the transceiver is the transceiver receiving the information. As it can be anyone of the transceivers it is impossible to identify which transceiver. The claims are believed to the be adequately written as is.

It is accordingly believed that the claims meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, first. The above-noted changes to the claims are provided solely for clarification or cosmetic reasons. The changes are neither provided for overcoming the prior art nor do they narrow the scope of the

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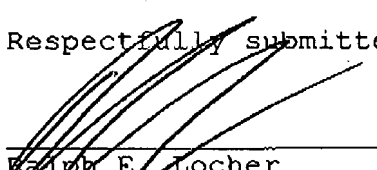
claim for any reason related to the statutory requirements for a patent.

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-6, 9-23, 25-38, 40-56 and 58-63 are solicited.

Petition for extension is herewith made. The extension fee for response within a period of one month pursuant to Section 1.136(a) in the amount of \$120.00 in accordance with Section 1.17 is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any fees that might be due with respect to Sections 1.16 and 1.17 to the Deposit Account of Lerner Greenberg Sterner LLP, No. 12-1099.

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